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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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Attached is the information you requested on Iranian and Israeli Aid and Trade activities in Black Africa.

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Iranian and Israeli Aid and Trade
Activities in Black Africa

Economic Aid: Iran has provided only very small amounts of economic aid to Black Africa during the past year and a half (see Table below).

Iran-Economic Aid Commitments to Black Africa

| <u>Recipients</u> | <u>Million US \$</u> | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>1974</u> | <u>First Half 1975</u> |
| Ethiopia | 0.1 grant | |
| Lesotho | | 1.0 grant |
| Senegal | 8.5 | |
| Sudan | 54.0 | |

Its only sizeable aid commitment, a \$54 million credit to Sudan, was to defer payment on part of Sudan's crude oil imports for July 1974 - June 1975. The \$8.5 million of aid to Senegal was for assistance to several small irrigation and eight industrial projects.

In 1975 Iran and Senegal agreed to establish a joint company that would build an oil refinery (120,000 b/d capacity) and export Senegalese phosphate deposits. The company also would construct a new port north of Daccar. Estimated costs of \$250 million for these projects would be borne principally by Iran.

Israel is not known to have provided assistance to Black Africa in recent years. Many African countries have broken diplomatic relations with Israel, and some have taken over Israeli assets.

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Trade: ' In spite of the strains in political relations
Israeli trade with Black Africa for the first 11 months of 1974,
approximated \$62 million, 40% above the comparable period in
1973.

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